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Man Sentenced to 25 Years to Life For Fatal Home Invasion Robbery

A man was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison for killing a Mexican actor in his home during a shootout four years ago that left the defendant paralyzed, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Larry Paul Trujillo, 34, was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Rand Rubin. Trujillo pleaded no contest in May to one count of first-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorney Sabrina Corsa said Trujillo fatally shot 53-year-old Hermilio Franco in the chest on Nov. 3, 2010 during a botched home invasion robbery. Franco and his wife awoke after Trujillo and an unknown second suspect entered the victim's Downey home, the prosecutor said.

Franco, an actor who appeared in various Mexican films, grabbed his gun and fired at Trujillo, striking him in the neck. The second suspect escaped, but Trujillo was unable to move and was left paralyzed, Corsa said.

The case was investigated by the Downey Police Department.

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